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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed March 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expired June 25, 2004, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

AMENDMENT A  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

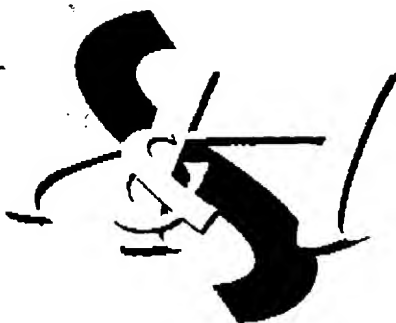
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Dear Examiner Patel:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated April 29, 2004 (2 pages); and
2. Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated April 29, 2004 (18 pages).

Very respectfully,

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

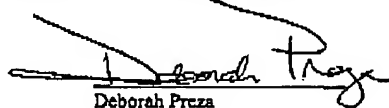
## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION  
(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 2121, Attn: Ramesh B. Patel, (703) 746-7239 on April 29, 2004.

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

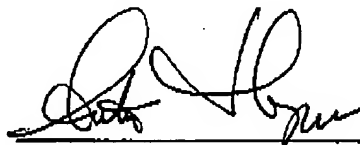
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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An additional fee for claims is required. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached.

Very respectfully,



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